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SUBJECT:WEEKLY STATUS REPORT -- THAILAND, INDONESIA,
MALAYSIA, BURMA AND SINGAPORE AFFAIRS

INDONESIA

EAST TIMOR VISIT (CONF)

THE TELEGRAM AUTHORIZING AMB MASTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE SEPT 6-8 TRIP TO EAST TIMOR BEING HOSTED BY FONMIN
MOCHTAR HAS BEEN SIGNED OFF AND SENT.

GAO INSPECTION TRIP (LOU)

WE HAVE LEARNED THIS WEEK OF ANOTHER GAO TEAM WHICH PLANS
TO VISIT JAKARTA AFTER DOING PRELIMINARY WORK IN WASHINGTON.
THE TEAM IS EXAMINING DEFENSE EQUIPMENT SALES PROCEDURES
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AND PRACTICES WITH CASE STUDIES OF SELECTED TRANSACTIONS,
INCLUDING THE INDONESIAN F-5'S. WE WILL BE MEETING WITH
MEMBERS OF THE TEAM LATER THIS WEEK.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES MEETING (CONF)

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PACIFIC COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (PCC)

HAVE WRITTEN TRUST TERRITORY IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES INQUIRING ABOUT VISA REQUIREMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A SCHEDULED MEETING IN PONAPE IN OCTOBER. THE REQUEST SPECIFICALLY MENTIONS "WEST PAPUAN" AND EAST TIMORESE REPRESENTATIVES (ALTHOUGH INDONESIA ITSELF IS NOT INCLUDED). TT IMMIGRATION HAS ASKED US FOR OUR VIEWS BEFORE RESPONDING TO THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS. WE ARE SCHEDULING A MEETING WITH PIA, VO, THE OFFICE OF MICRO-NESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS IN INTERIOR TO DEVELOP GUIDANCE.

PAC-INDO LNG CONTRACTS (CONF)

EMBASSY JAKARTA INFORMS US THAT GOI PATIENCE IS RUNNING OUT WITH USG AND SPECIFICALLY DOE DELAY IN COMING TO DECISION ON PRICE ESCALATION FORMULA FOR LNG. WIDJOJO AND HARYONO LEFT MEETING WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AUGUST 7 WITH DISTINCT FEELING (RIGHT OR WRONG) THAT DOE COMMITMENT TO BASIC CONCEPT OF PRICE ESCALATOR USING INDONESIAN OIL PRICES AS 50 PERCENT OF THE BASE PRICE MAY BE WAVERING. GOI OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IF DECISION IS NOT FORTHCOMING BY AT LEAST END OF SEPTEMBER, GOI IS CONSIDERING CANCELLING CONTRACTS AND EITHER LEAVING GAS IN GROUND OR TURNING TO JAPAN FOR MARKET. DESK HAS ALERTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGOLD OF DOE TO EMBASSY REPORT. HE WILL RAISE ISSUE WITH SCHLESINGER THIS WEEK
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AND PROVIDE US WITH STATUS REPORT ON THE CONTRACTS FOR FORWARDING TO EMBASSY JAKARTA.

BURMA

AMBASSADORIAL CONSULTATIONS (CONF)

BURMESE AMBASSADOR U HLA SHWE MADE A SERIES OF UNEVENTFUL CALLS IN THE DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK, INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM, AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR SULLIVAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE, SENIOR ADVISOR FALCO AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OAKLEY. THE ONLY DISCUSSIONS OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE CONCERNED A POSSIBLE INVITATION TO CONGRESSMAN WOLFF TO VISIT BURMA IN NOVEMBER. THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THIS IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION IN RANGOON. DICK HOLBROOKE INDICATED IN HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HLA SHWE THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT BURMA IN LATE OCTOBER.

AMBASSADOR BEAN HAS BEEN IN THE DEPARTMENT THIS WEEK FOR CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWING EMERGENCY VISITATION TRAVEL. HE HAS MET WITH AID, S/NM, DEA, FBO OFFICIALS, AS WELL

AS EA AND OTHER OFFICES IN THE DEPARTMENT. ON WEDNESDAY
MORNING, AMBASSADOR BEAN ALSO SPOKE WITH CONGRESSMAN
WOLFF (WHO IS IN NEW YORK) BY TELEPHONE. CHRISTOPHER

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